

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: March 9, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:15p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Greg Bowes
Vernon Brown
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Scott Schneider

Absent Members

Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 31, 2005 - approves an increase of \$10,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court, Juvenile Division (State and Federal Grants Fund), to continue to fund drug court costs

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 49, 2005 - approves an increase of \$401,210 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division (Non-Lapsing State and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds) to purchase equipment for the training of first responders and to continue to develop the Metropolitan Medical response System (MMRS), financed by grants from both the State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies

"Do Pass as Amended"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 73, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$ 6,000 in the 2005 Budget of Marion County Sheriff's Department (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Block Grant # 8

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 75, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$ 12,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, DNA Backlog Reduction Formula Grant Program

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 76, 2005 - approves an increase of \$61,136 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (Law Enforcement Fund) to cover additional expenses

"Do Pass as Amended"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 77, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$17,550 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Project Safe Neighborhoods

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 78, 2005 - approves an increase of \$95,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Adult Probation Fund) to pay approved expenses

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 79, 2005 - approves an increase of \$7,500 in the 2005 Budget of Marion Superior Court (County Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc.

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 80, 2005 - approves an increase of \$20,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from the Indiana Supreme Court

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 81, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$100,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (County General Fund) to pay approved expenses

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 82, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$7,698 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Weed & Seed Office

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 83, 2005 - approves an increase of \$11,896 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Weed & Seed Office

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, March 9, 2005. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Vernon Brown, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, and Scott Schneider. Absent were Sherron Franklin, and Lynn McWhirter. Also present was Bart Brown, the City-County Council's Chief Financial Officer.

PROPOSAL NO. 31, 2005 - approves an increase of \$10,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court, Juvenile Division (State and Federal Grants Fund), to continue to fund drug court costs

Susan Patterson, Director of Finances, stated that this \$10,000 is a grant from the Lilly Foundation to fund the drug court costs. She said that this division diverts people who are non-violent offenders to programs to try to get them back on the right track. Ms. Patterson stated that this is the third year for this grant.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 31, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 78, 2005 - approves an increase of \$95,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Adult Probation Fund) to pay approved expenses

Ms. Patterson stated that this funding comes from the Adult Probation Fund and will be used to pay for approved expenses, such as computer equipment and mileage. It will also be used to supplement some cuts from the County General Fund. She said that the Adult Probation Fund is generated by funds that are collected from the probationers.

Councillor Bowes asked what the county currently pays for mileage. Ms. Patterson stated that county rate is 34 cents per mile.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 78, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 79, 2005 - approves an increase of \$7,500 in the 2005 Budget of Marion Superior Court (County Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Ms. Patterson stated that this grant comes to the Juvenile Division from Lilly Endowment. This funding is given for putting on a conference with the Office of Family and Children, which looks at family preservation and other issues that are being dealt with through the welfare department.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 79, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 80, 2005 - approves an increase of \$20,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from the Indiana Supreme Court

Ms. Patterson stated that this is the third year that the Indiana Supreme Court has given funds to the Marion County Superior Court. These funds will partially pay the salaries and fringes for the Family Court Coordinator.

Councillor Brown asked what the total salary is for the Family Court Coordinator position. Ms. Patterson said that the total salary for this position is \$36,000. She added that the other part of the salary is paid through the Alternate Dispute Resolution Fund.

Councillor Bowes asked if anyone else was helping out with the coordination of the Family Court. Ms. Patterson stated that there is a Service Referral Coordinator that helps with coordinating of the Family Court.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 79, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 81, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$100,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (County General Fund) to pay approved expenses

Ms. Patterson stated that this \$100,000 is the first of a series of transfers that will take place due to the cuts in the 2004 budget. This funding will be used to buy books for the law library and pay a portion of the operating expenses.

Councillor Bowes asked what the normal use is for the \$100,000 in Character 03. Ms. Patterson said that these funds could be used to pay physiologists, jurors, interpreters or other expenses that are needed to manage the court, as well as pay other bills.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 81, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 49, 2005 - approves an increase of \$401,210 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division (Non-Lapsing State and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds) to purchase equipment for the training of first responders and to continue to develop the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), financed by grants from both the State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies

Steve Robertson, Director of Emergency Management, introduced Ginger Wells, Deputy Administrator of Emergency Management.

Dawn Sykes, Grant Manager of the Department of Public Safety, stated that the request is for two awards that have been granted to the Emergency Management Division. The first award is to continue the support of the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), which is for \$400,000. She stated that the second award is from the State for a foundation grant agreement in the amount of \$1,210.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to "Amend" the original spending plan for Proposal No. 49, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

[Clerks note: the Motion to Amend is on file in the Council office]

Mr. Robertson stated that this \$400,000 would allow the Emergency Management Division to replace equipment that has expired, as well as increase the ability to treat more potential victims in the event of an

emergency. He added that part of this funding would be used to increase the amount of personal protective equipment that would be issued to field responders. The other part of the grant would also fund the continuation of the Public Health Surveillance System that monitors the sales of over-the-counter pharmaceutical purchases at two of the largest pharmaceutical suppliers in Indianapolis. This will allow tracking of the trends of people purchasing over-the-counter medicine for flu-like systems and gives advance warning for any potential biological terrorist attacks. Mr. Robertson said that the remainder of the grant goes to fund an Emergency Notification System in the form of a reverse calling system referred to as a reversed 911 system. This system would allow the Emergency Management Division to get an emergency message out instantaneously.

Councillor Schneider asked if the Public Health Surveillance System that is used to monitor pharmaceutical sales is only located in the distribution warehouse and not at the individual suppliers. Mr. Robertson answered in the affirmative. Councillor Schneider asked if this system would be able to monitor the sale of the products used to make methamphetamine. Mr. Robertson answered in the affirmative. Councillor Schneider asked who monitors the Public Health Surveillance System. Mr. Robertson said that the system is monitored by the Marion County Health Department and is funded through the Emergency Management Division.

Councillor Brown asked where the Homeland Security training takes place. Mr. Robertson stated that the training is at the Marion County Public Safety Training Academy on East Tenth Street and Post Road. Councillor Brown asked how many officers are in this training class. Mr. Robertson said that 1,800 officers were in training, 1,600 of which are from Marion County. The remaining officers are from Hamilton County, but only the Marion County officers would receive the Personal Protective Equipment. Mr. Robertson added that the level of protection would be a level C, which means a protective garment of some sort and a gas mask that would protect the respiration. In the event of an emergency these officers will be placed outside, securing the scene and protecting the evidence, whereas the HAZMAT team would perform the detailed work on the inside.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 49, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 73, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$ 6,000 in the 2005 Budget of Marion County Sheriff's Department (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Block Grant # 8

Major Ron Chappel, Marion County Sheriff Department, (MCSD) stated that this proposal is a request for a transfer of \$6,000 in Character 02 to Characters 03 and 04. He said that \$1,000 will go to Character 03 to complete some bids and quotes for material that was changed from equipment to supplies, and \$ 5,000 will go to Character 04 to pay for additional equipment for the SWAT team.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 73, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 75, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$ 12,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, DNA Backlog Reduction Formula Grant Program

Larry Schultz, Forensic Service Agency Chief Financial Officer, introduced Michael Medler, Laboratory Director. Mr. Schultz stated that this proposal is for the DNA Backlog Reduction Formula Grant, which would allow the Forensic Services Agency to work the backlogged cases, or have selected cases that are in backlog sent out to an approved vendor. This ordinance would move \$12,000 from the overtime in Character 01 to Character 03. He said that if cases were sent to a vendor the \$12,000 would pay for 15 cases.

Councillor Bowes asked what the backlog of cases is and what the turnaround time for these cases are. Mr. Schultz stated that the current backlog is at 80 cases, and the turnaround time depends on the specific type of case. Councillor Bowes asked what the Code of System is. Mr. Medler said that the Code of System is the combined DNA information system that is a national DNA Database.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Schneider, to send Proposal No. 75, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 76, 2005 - approves an increase of \$61,136 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (Law Enforcement Fund) to cover additional expenses

Diana Burleson, Director of the Marion County Justice Agency, (MCJA), stated that there is a calculation error in Proposal No. 76, 2005. She stated that wherever \$61,136 appears throughout the proposal it should be replaced with \$54,386. The breakdown would come in Supplies, Character 02, and the total should be \$44,586.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to "Amend" the changes for Proposal No. 76, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Burleson stated that this \$44,586 would fund gasoline, parts for repairs and maintenance for 10 cars that are used by the Failure to Appear Officers. The \$9,800 from Character 03 will fund the labor cost for maintenance and repairs of those 10 cars.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 76, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 77, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$17,550 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Project Safe Neighborhoods

Laura Coykendall, Grants Coordinator for the Project Safe Neighborhoods, stated that the request is to transfer \$17,550 between characters for the Reducing Community Gun Violence Initiative through the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program. This funding will support members of the US Marshall's Task Force and will request additional funds to purchase supplies and equipment. She said that this program is a multi-agency project to reduce gun violence.

Councillor Schneider asked if this program was only limited to the reduction of gun violence. Jason Hutchens, Special Project Manager for MCJA, stated that the officers are not restricted to reducing gun violence, but it is the main focus.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 77, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 82, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$7,698 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Weed & Seed Office

Lisa Bentley, Marion County Prosecutor's Office, stated there is a surplus in salaries because of a vacant position that was not filled over a period of time. This transfer would be used for supplies that are needed and also pay the rent for Community Court.

[Clerk's Note: An information sheet about what takes place with Conflict Resolution is on file in the Council office with the original set of minutes. Exhibit A]

Bart Brown stated that section 6 from Proposal No. 83, 2005 should be included with Proposal No. 82, 2005: *SECTION 6. Except to the extent of matching funds approved in this ordinance, the council does not intend to use the revenues from any local tax regardless of source to supplement or extend the appropriation for the agencies or projects authorized by this ordinance. The supervisor of the agency or project, or both, and the auditor are directed to notify in writing the city-county council immediately upon receipt of any information that the agency or project is, or may be, reduced or eliminated.*

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to Amend Proposal No. 82, 2005 by adding the above noted text: The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 82, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 83, 2005 - approves an increase of \$11,896 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay approved grant expenses, funded by a grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Weed & Seed Office

Ms. Bentley stated that this is a grant is from the Weed & Seed Foundation, and it will be used to fund a portion of the Special Projects Coordinator's position, provide materials for the landlord training program, and to further development of the Time Mark Database. She said the landlord training is to help try and keep illegal activity out of the rental properties. Ms. Bentley stated that the Time Mark Database is used to keep track of the landlords that are in areas where there are problems with illegal activity.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 83, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams stated that she would like to offer condolences from the Public Safety Committee to the family of Officer Craig S. Hurbet with the Lawrence Police Department.

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CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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